REMARKS

The Examiner's thoughtful attention to this application is sincerely appreciated.

The Invention

Applicant provides a **self oscillating** audio Class D amplifier that includes

(1) an output filter that provides an amplified **non-inverting** audio analog output signal, and

(2) a **non-inverting** closed loop negative feedback error amplifier circuit.

The Prior Art

The references of record do not appear to disclose a self oscillating audio Class D amplifier.

The <u>Myers et al. reference</u> (U.S. 5,838,193) uses a triangle waveform generator 25 and is not self oscillating. Col. 3, lines 14 to 17.

The <u>Kaizer et al. reference</u> (U.S. 4,649,565) uses a triangle waveform generator 32 and is not self oscillating. Col. 9, lines 33 to 36; 43 to 49.

The <u>Modgil et al. reference</u> (U.S. 5,352,986) discloses a fixed frequency amplifier that uses a PWM with a triangle wave at 430kHz as the reference. Col. 9, lines 26 to 51. This is not a self-oscillating Class D amplifier.

The <u>Nelson reference</u> (U.S. 5,521,549) discloses an amplifier provided with a reference clock signal (22) and, again, a triangle wave generator (52). Col. 3, lines 29 to 32; Col. 5, lines 4 and 5. This is not a self oscillating audio Class D amplifier.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as set forth in the amended Claims is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 nor rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 by the references of record.

The Term "Non-inverting" in the Claims

Applicant respectfully submits that the term "non-inverting" in the claims is appropriate because in the circuit illustrated in Fig. 2, the signal enters the positive terminal and uses negative feedback to generate a non-inverting signal.

The Term "Self-Oscillating" in the Claims

In response to the Examiner's objection to multiple use of the term "self-oscillating" in the Claims, Applicant amended the Claims to eliminate "self-oscillating" from the preamble of the Claims so that "self-oscillating" is recited only in the body of each Claim.

The Specification Applicant has, as required by the Examiner, inserted appropriate headings in the Specification. If the Examiner finds merit in the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Respectfully submitted, TOD R. NISSLE, Reg. No. 29,241 TOD R. NISSLE, P.C. P. O. Box 55630 Phoenix, Arizona 85078 602-494-8700 Tel: Fax: 602-494-8707 E-mail: nissle@nissle.com Attorney's Docket No. 995-P-3